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I urge the committee to reject this bill. I am a farmer in Stockton Springs. My wife and I have been saving up for solar panels for our farm, and we just barely have enough money to install a solar array ourselves. If this bill passes, it would make our solar project prohibitively expensive. \$125 fees per panel is at least as much as a panel would cost, if not more. I agree that panels should be responsibly disposed of, but I do not agree with the fees. The federal government has phased out the incentives on solar panels, so we should be incentivizing solar panels as a state, not imposing fees. If we need to fund this, why don't we use a fuel tax, or carbon tax to fund the program, or something that is polluting the environment. Not solar panels.